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- 1. STATEMENTS BY GREEK CATHOLIC PATRIARCH OF ANTIOCH, MAXIMOS V HAKIM, IN ROME DEC 18 HAVE KEPT IMPUTATIONS OF USG RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEBANESE CRISISALIVE IN LOCAL PRESS. BEIRUT PAPERS, QUOTING AGAIN AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE, PUBLISHED DEC 19 EXCERPTS FROM INTERVIEW WITH MAXIMOS WHO VISITING ROME.
- 2. TAKING HIS CUE FROM ACCUSATIONS BY EDDE THAT ISRAEL, CIA AND LEBANESE EXTREMISTS ARE SEEKING TO DISMANTLE LEBANON, MAXIMOS IS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT EDDE HAS BEEN REPEATING THESE CHARGES FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. "PERHAPS HE IS RIGHT," MAXIMOS ALLEGEDLY COMMENTED. ELSEWHERE IN INTERVIEW, MAXIMOS STATED: "I AM CONVINCED THAT FOREIGN INTERVENTIONS ARE THE CAUSE OF ALL LEBANON'S MISFORTUNES." GODLEY

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